



Lake Park Villager

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CLERK'S CORNER

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

July 14 – 7:00 PM Public Hearing on Possible Change to Parking Ordinance followed by Village Council Meeting

July 23 – 6:30 PM Economic Development Commission at 3316 Faith Church Rd

July 27 – 7:00 PM Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LAKE PARK SINGLES (AGES 45+)

JULY 2, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL

JULY 4, 12:00 PM, RUSSELL PARK

LAKE PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

JULY 7, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK SAGES

JULY 10, 7:00 PM, FAITH UMC

LAKE PARK GARDEN CLUB

JULY 20, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK PLUS (INVESTMENT STUDY – MEMBER NAIC)

JULY 15, 7:00 PM, 6800 CONIFER CIRCLE

LAKE PARK POOLS HOURS

MON. – SAT. 10 AM – 8 PM; SUN. NOON – 8 PM

NOTE: POOL MEMBERSHIPS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER. CALL (704) 882-VOLP FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

8th Annual 4th of July Festival

The Lake Park Parks and Recreation Commission will be hosting the 4th of July Festival in Russell Park. The festivities will begin at 12:00 with a parade. All children are invited to decorate their bicycles or tricycles and join the parade. Between 12:30 and 3:00, hot dogs and chips will be available for purchase for only \$.50 and watermelon is free. A DJ will provide musical entertainment for everyone in attendance. During the Festival, the Council will also recognize the 2009 Lake Park Hometown Heroes.

Responsible Lawn Care

Lawn maintenance can make a house and yard a beautiful home. But what we do to maintain our lawns could be detrimental to the environment around us. Anything mixed with rain becomes storm water pollution including fertilizers, pesticides and weed killers. Storm water pollution flows directly to our ponds without any treatment. Here are some tips to make us good stewards of our ponds and surrounding creeks and streams:

- Apply fertilizers and pesticides exactly where you want them. Avoid over-spray.
- Use slow-release fertilizer and never apply lawn chemicals before a heavy rain.
- Blow grass clippings into your yard instead of into the street.
- Sweep up trash and debris rather than blowing it away.
- Use native plants for easier, less expensive long-term maintenance.

Did you know?

All of the public areas within Lake Park are closed for any activities and loitering between dusk and dawn every day of the week.

Public & Private Distinctions

Distinctions in Responsibility: The Village

Our Mayor and Council members take an oath of office at the beginning of each elected term to uphold local, state and federal laws as their primary responsibility. Village responsibilities also include village tax collection, municipal budget decisions, municipal contracts for village services, local ordinance enactment and enforcement, holding regular public meetings and special public hearings for budgets, ordinances and major projects, implementing federal and state mandated programs in the local community, and filing

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the annual budget with the State Treasurer. Other services include maintaining public property, sponsoring selected events (July 4th Celebration, Christmas Tree Lighting, Chili Cookoff) and promoting economic development for the community.

The Mayor appoints responsibilities among the Council members to ensure that each area is championed responsibly.

Current appointments:

Mayor Spence: Stormwater, Roads, Public Liaison, Security

Mrs. Coughlin: Economic Development, Waste Collection, FEMA

Mr. Crosby: Communications (Villager, Webmaster), Clocktower

Mrs. Currence: Parks & Recreation (Ponds and Grounds)

Mr. Newton: Street Lighting, Security

Mrs. Waybright: Parks & Recreation (Pools and Events)

The Lake Park Council hires a finance officer, legal counsel and the village clerk and tax collector. However, our Village relies upon county services for water and sewer, fire and police protection, and zoning codes. Service contracts must be put out for public bid. These include waste collection, parks and pools maintenance, road repairs, and street lighting. NC allots a portion of state revenue (fuel and sales taxes) to the village. Fuel tax revenue is limited to road and sidewalk maintenance.

The Village Council has established permanent commissions (Economic Development, Parks and Recreation) to maintain perpetual programs to benefit the community. The Village Council establishes temporary task forces from time to time to research and propose solutions prior to Council taking an action upon important projects or procedures. Volunteers may be drawn from the community to serve on commissions and task forces.

Many unofficial volunteers, local clubs and various homeowner associations also enrich village life through individual complementary events or services such as clean up projects, holiday decorating, trips or celebrations as needs and interests arise within the community.

The Village Clerk, Tax Collector & Village Administrator maintains the village office, correspondence and public records for Council and Commissions for public meetings, and is an active liaison with federal, state and county agencies for census, tax records, and storm water projects. The office is open to serve the community weekdays 9 AM to 12PM so citizens may reserve public facilities, contractors fulfill requirements, and for resident questions. A Finance Officer and a Village Attorney provide vital support services to the Council.

For Your Information

Recognizing Mathisen Company

The Village Council would like to recognize and salute the Mathisen Company. This company, for which the Village of Lake Park is a crowning achievement, will close its doors on September 1 upon the retirement of Chris Mathisen, founding owner and president. From a small paving company serving the construction industry at the corner of Faith Church and Unionville Indian Trail Roads in 1972, The Mathisen Company grew to become a nationally recognized community developer. In Lake Park, Lanny Skidmore, his wife Fay, Chris and Margie Mathisen, daughter Pam Mathisen Schorr and Office Assistant Bev Martin realized a vision for a unique village, combining neighborhood designs, community events, inspired vistas and unique monuments. They encouraged homeowner participation in neighborhood associations and community events and supported the movement that chartered the village as a NC municipality in 1994. Many of Lake Park's iconic features were inspired and researched by occasional travel, like a clocktower in Switzerland or a front porch in Charleston. Each neighborhood became a reality through careful design, tireless effort and the pursuit of excellence, hallmarks of the Mathisen legacy to Lake Park.